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MEMBERS OF THE HOUSE NATIONAL SECURITY COMMITTEE TO VISIT FORT LEONARD WOOD, MISSOURI

Members of the House National Security Committee will travel to Ft. Leonard Wood, Missouri, on May 8 and 9, as part of the committee's effort to investigate allegations of sexual misconduct in the military. This visit is a part of the ongoing Congressional effort to thoroughly understand the causes and contributing factors that led to allegations of sexual misconduct at Aberdeen Proving Ground and at other training centers and bases around the world.

While at Ft. Leonard Wood, the members will meet with the command leadership from both the basic training school and the drill instructor training school, drill sergeants, members of the victims support team, and trainees. The objective of the visit is to provide Members of Congress with a general overview of the training environment at Ft. Leonard Wood and offer a firsthand opportunity to assess the overall climate at the installation.

Members of Congress participating in the delegation are:

- Rep. Steve Buyer (R-IN), Chairman, Military Personnel Subcommittee
- Rep. Gene Taylor (D-MS), Ranking Member, Military Personnel Subcommittee
- Rep. Ike Skelton (D-MO)
- Rep. Tillie Fowler (R-FL)
- Rep. Roscoe Bartlett (R-MD)
- Rep. Jane Harman (D-CA)

Media Availability at Ft. Leonard Wood:

On Friday, May 9 at 12:45 p.m., prior to the delegation's departure from Ft. Leonard Wood, the Members of Congress will address the media and will be available for questions. The location will be Forney Army Airfield on Ft. Leonard Wood. Interested media should contact Mike Warren at the Ft. Leonard Wood Public Affairs Office at (573) 563-4013.

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